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## **GOVERNOR MUSGROVE'S JOB FAIR NETWORK OPENS WITH OVER 1,500 THE FIRST HOUR**

JACKSON, Miss., - The Governor's Job Fair Network held today at the Mississippi Trademart Building in Jackson proved highly successful in bringing potential employees and employers together. During the first hour of the event over 1,500 individuals attended and met with the 115 companies registered for the event.

"During a national recession, it is important that we do everything possible to ensure our citizens have this opportunity to meet with companies seeking good, qualified employees. The Job Fairs we hold across the state provide excellent venues to showcase what Mississippi has to offer," said Governor Ronnie Musgrove.

The Governor's Job Fair Network is a partnership between Governor Ronnie Musgrove's office, the Mississippi Development Authority, and the Mississippi Employment Security Commission.

During the 2001-2002 year, the Governor's Job Fair Network presented 12 statewide events with over 525 employers and institutions over 15,000 persons attended. A total of 4,500 job offers were extended on the days of these events.